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JOHN KELLY.

DEATH OF THE TAMMANY HALL CHIEFTAIN.

A Self-Made Man Who Worked Himself Up From Obscurity—Sketch of his Life.

Mr. John Kelly, who died in New York city on the 1st of June, at the age of sixty-four, was one of the most noted and experienced of local political leaders, and had in his day enjoyed the possession and the fruits of power of a most curious degree and kind. He was best known, in the last fifteen years, as the successor of "Boss" Tweed in the leadership of Tammany Hall, but he was a noted and almost famous leader in the field of national politics at a period "before the war," and when great events were taking place, the details of which are now almost forgotten.

When the New York Herald was in its infancy, young Kelly walked in to the office one day and asked the elder Bennett if he wanted an office boy. Bennett was a good judge of character and quick at deciding. He talked with the youth a few minutes, then told him to go to work. He became a great favorite with Bennett, and when at length he grew older and determined on learning a trade, so as to better support the large family that was depending on him. Mr. Bennett offered his strong inducement to remain, and on parting with him predicted that he would succeed anywhere.

In early manhood, however, he learned the trade of a grate-setter and soapstone mason, and for many years had a shop with his brother Hugh, in Elizabeth Street, near Broome. He very soon took an active part in the politics of the Fourteenth Ward, where success in those days had to be got and held literally by force, and his political battles involved many a hard-fought bout at fistfights, in which his strength, courage, and skill usually gave him the victory. His first appearance as a candidate was for the office of Assessor of the Ward, and his second, for the office of Assistant Alderman, in both cases against the faction of "Mike" Walsh, the champion of the violent Irish element. In both cases he was defeated, but he had established his reputation as a bold leader and a hard fighter, and when in 1854 Walsh secured the nomination for Congress, John Kelly to the amazement of the leaders, who then included the afterward famous Peter B. Sweeney, entered the field against him, and was elected by the aid of the Native-American vote. He had already been chosen Alderman (in 1853) by the same aid, and had won the epithet of the "Irish Know Nothing." In Washington where Mr. Kelly spent four years, being again elected in 1856 he soon proved his entire lack of sympathy with the Know-Nothing party, and became the most outspoken defender of the Roman Catholic Church and its followers. At that time he was the only member of the Church in the House. He was courted by President Pierce and Mr. Marcy, and in the National Convention of the Democratic party 1856 he used all his influence for the renomination of Pierce. His after-relations with Mr. Buchanan were not pleasant, and he soon tired of Congressional life, especially as he lost control of the Federal patronage which he had been allowed to use under Pierce.

He came back to New York, and sought and won the place of Sheriff, which was then, as it has been since, very profitable, and he held it until 1861, gaining here a good part of the fortune which he ultimately acquired. During the next ten years he was necessarily brought into close relations with Tweed and the Ring, who then controlled Tammany Hall. But the Hall was by no means the compact machine it afterward became, and through Kelly was twice nominated for Sheriff and elected, it was only by his own strength and skill. Tweed and his men always distrusted and, as much as they dared, fought him. He was so entirely free from any complicity in their plans that, in 1868, he was induced by Messrs. Tilden, O'Connor, and Hewitt to contest the election of Oakley Hall as Mayor. He was forced by broken health to withdraw before the election. Hall's election was the final step in the scheme that led to the tremendous robberies of the Ring.

For most of the next three years Mr. Kelly was abroad, seeking to restore his shattered strength, in which he succeeded, and to gain health for his two daughters, in which he failed, one of them dying abroad, and the other being only temporarily benefited. He returned home in 1871, and immediately took a commanding position in the reorganized Tammany Hall. From this time dates his most conspicuous part in the politics of the city and State. He took hold of Tammany with a firm grip, and was soon acknowledged as its "Boss" in a way

that Tweed had never dared to pretend to be. By means of his noted Committee of Discipline, which was wholly in his own hands, he shut out from the Hall every man who would not blindly follow his orders. His first campaign, however, against the nomination of Mr. Hevemer by the Committee of Seventy, was a failure, but it was made the occasion of still further consolidating Tammany Hall, and it was followed by success in pushing Mr. Tilden as Governor and Mr. Wickham as Mayor, and it was from the latter he obtained the nomination as Comptroller, which place he held until 1880. But from this time on his career was one of failure in all his larger enterprises. In 1878 Edward Cooper was elected Mayor against his active and desperate opposition. In 1879 Kelly defeated Mr. Robinson for Governor by a "bolt" from the State Convention, and by running for Governor himself, but that was a negative and barren victory. In 1880 he won one of somewhat similar character in defeating the nomination of Mr. Tilden to the Presidency, and in 1884 he failed to prevent the nomination of Mr. Cleveland. His activity was thenceforth confined to the manipulation of local offices.

NOTES.

He obtained the rudiments of an English education at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

In private life he was the most convivial of companions. Temperate, witty, a good story teller and possessor of a flexible baritone voice.

It was while in Congress that Gen. Cass, President Buchanan's Secretary of State, spoke of him as "Honest John Kelly," which he has commonly been called since.

Mr. Kelly was twice married, the second time to a niece of Cardinal McClosky. He was devoted to his family, and a man of temperate habits. He enjoyed the reputation of honesty in his personal affairs.

Though the cartoonists show always him as a dumpy man, he was nearly six feet in height and weighed nearly 240 pounds. He ran with the "fire ladies" in his early days, and made hosts of friends, who elected him Alderman in 1853.

His parents were both born in Ireland, and emigrated to this country in 1816. Just six years after, in New York, April 22d, 1822, John was ushered into this world. Both parents died whilst he was under age, and he was left to his own resources.

His excellent speeches increased his influence, and gave him a reputation for sound judgment and political discernment. His greatest oratorical effort, however, was a speech on "Religious Toleration," in response to Congressman Davis, of Maryland, being granted the floor as an act of courtesy, as he was the only Catholic on the floor. His speech was considered the most marked piece of eloquence of the session.

Prominent men like Mr. Tilden, Seymour, Hewitt and Belmont sought Mr. Kelly to help them in this crisis. He had vowed never again to enter politics. Their importunities continued for a year, till at last he entered the fight, and while Mr. Tilden and Charles O'Connor attacked the Tweed ring in the legislature and in the courts, Mr. Kelly had a hand to hand tussle with them in Tammany Hall, their citadel, and routed them, as is known. This gave him a prestige which he has held since. An idea of the tremendous power this ring wielded may be obtained from the fact that they gave employment to 12,000 persons and disbursed \$30,000,000 annually.

Autographs that are Valuable.
From the Detroit Tribune.

They have a genuine autograph of Shakespeare in Boston, and an autograph letter of Mohammed has just been found in Egypt. The autograph of a business man with a good bank account on the proper end of a check still continues a prime favorite, however, among collectors in this part of the country.

Worthy of Conscientious Consideration.
From Elmira (N. Y.) Advertiser.

The High-License plan is receiving the attention of thoughtful men everywhere. It is worthy of conscientious consideration by all who realize that the evil of drunkenness and its attendant crime should in some way be checked.

Sage Brush Journalism.
From the Tecumseh, Neb., Republican.

The beer-guzzling, whiskey-soaked, flannel-mouthed galloway who said that we were in the habit of working in the printing office on Sunday is respectfully informed that he is a liar of the first water.

THE NATION'S CAPITAL.

THE DIGNIFIED SENATE IN A ROLLICKING MOOD.

The Gagging Scheme of the Republicans—The Oleomargarine Bill—More Greensbacks to be Issued.

Special Correspondence of the Sentinel.

WASHINGTON, June 14.—No man deserves the benefit of Uncle Sam's eight-hour system more than the letter-carrier. The letter-carrier walks; he has no time to play; wouldn't play if he could, because he is one of the few of Uncle Sam's employees who has learned how to work. Big, strong men have watched the letter-carrier weather the storm, and face the sun, and swear, as they never swore before, that they wouldn't have the letter-carrier's position for a precious gift or

citizenship, would have courted the responsibility. Beside, it was just what might have been expected of a man who arrogantly turned his back on a constituent whose last dollar had been spent in the canvass. "Pig-Iron" Kelly never turns his back on a constituent whose resources are permanent. So this ingrate, this political, religious and moral hypocrite, performed the dirty duty with characteristic ease. And as often before, "Pig-Iron" Kelley proved that his gifts lie, not in reason, truth, or conscience, but in gab.

FREE SPEECH OR NOTHING embraces a principle with which "Pig-Iron" Kelley hoodwinked his constituents. It embraces more; it embraces a freedom from which only Democratic perseverance has saved from the hands of the political terror-



HON. JOHN KELLY, OF NEW YORK.

at any salary. Everybody knows the letter-carrier works and works too much. Everybody wants to see the letter-carrier treated like other employees of Uncle Sam. And it matters little whether Uncle Sam loses one million or not, he ought to have treated the letter-carrier right long ago.

THE SENATE

passed the consular and diplomatic appropriation bill. It is said that the reference to the Committee on Agriculture virtually kills the oleomargarine bill. The question being one of taxation, Senator Beck ironically asked that the tariff bill be treated likewise. Nobody was able to fathom the Senator's move, however; it was too deep. Senator Vance voted against the mis-reference of the oleomargarine bill. But the Senate was too funny for anything. A bill was introduced to create an additional Secretary of the Treasury. Some more fun. A Republican made a motion to postpone indefinitely the bill to repeal the Civil Service Law, but Senator Vance stroked his mustache, and demanded the yeas and nays. No one but Senator Vance seemed inclined to go on record.

THE HOUSE

passed the bill repealing pre-emption, timber-culture, and desert land acts. Also, bill authorizing the Arthur Hill bridge, which will end the difficulties the B. & O. R. R. has encountered at New York. The legislative appropriation bill, as the SENTINEL had predicted, gave plenty of room for a debate on Civil Service Law. The scope must be imagined. Everybody and everything was attacked, criticized and unearthed. Helman spent the happiest hour of his life. The extension of homestead laws to Alaska is a far gone conclusion. New pension bills and schemes rent the air.

THE GAGGING SCHEME

introduced last week, in both Houses, by Republicans is nothing less than an attempt to take away the right of free speech. It almost seemed as though the conspirators had agreed to commence simultaneously. It was generally conceded that Republicans in the Senate and House, were at their wits' ends to overcome the hurricane of truths Democrats had started. There seemed to be no other way than that of throttling free speech for the time being. Senator Brown's report, containing "invading army," was recommitted; this was as far as the Senate dared to go at first. Next, an attempt was made to have a distinguished Southern Representative's speech expunged from the Record.

"PIG-IRON" KELLEY.

naturally enough, took the first step in the House. It was quite natural that "Pig-Iron" Kelley should. Nobody but a man lacking the qualifications of true manhood and American

its "Pig-Iron" Kelly represents. A brave man, Representative Wheeler, a man who had felt the heat of battle—spoke what he thought. "Pig-Iron" Kelley was at liberty to exercise the same right, but hypocrite that he was, he sought to take away from a brave man a right which poltroons even enjoy. But there are some brave men in Congress yet. It may be that God, whom "Pig-Iron" Kelley asks so often to forbid, will one day forbid that political hypocrites and cowards shall sit side by side with patriots and brave men. No thanks to "Pig-Iron" Kelley, the Constitution survives.

A YOUNG MAN.

Lewis McComas, added another creditable speech to his record last week. It is noteworthy that Mr. McComas, though somewhat experienced when he entered Congress, is improving both in oratorical effect and depth of thought. He is a Republican and protectionist, but he is an able young man and honest representative. Well built, graceful, and quite handsome, with a gifted head, and an earnestness of delivery, he enjoys the respectful attention of older members every time he speaks. Mr. McComas sports a jet black mustache, matching his hair, is the picture of health, and as generous-hearted as a boy. He is a favorite son of Maryland.

ONES AND TWOS

are promised restored to their old position. Senator Dawes' bill, submitted last week, provides for thirty-five millions of the former and thirty millions of the latter. People have begun to miss the old greenback. But if Warner, and his compatriots, succeed, ones and twos will never appear again on paper. Then there are other considerations. The Treasury girl wants ones and twos, again, because their issuance affords her abundant work. As it is now, the fate of the Treasury girl is hanging on revenue stamps. But Sam Randall, and all other opponents of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, want the Treasury girl to have as little work as is consistent with no work.

THE WORK TO BE DONE

yet, in both houses, i. e. like memory, illimitable. There is considerable reason for the growing belief that Congress ought to sit every month in the year. The number of measures generally left unconsidered justifies the demand that Congress should not adjourn until all of the work of the session, big and little, is completed. It might be unusual, but it would certainly not be hard or unreasonable, if compelled to "sit it out." Each man receives salary enough to compensate him for a year's work. It is quite reasonable to demand full measure of service. This new departure would be a blessing. It would keep out men who come to Congress to play and to do worse. SHADOW.

AT WAKE FOREST.

CROWDS OF PEOPLE ATTEND THE COMMENCEMENT.

Interesting Exercises—The Alumni Address and the Baccalaureate Sermon.

Special Correspondence of the Sentinel.

WAKE FOREST, N. C., June 10.—Clouds gathered above many a time during the week, but the people came by the hundred and all was joy within as was shown by the happy faces which abounded. Monday night, June 7, occurred the competition for the Declaration Medal by the following students: G. C. Thompson, Wake Forest; W. J. Sholar, Raleigh; E. J. Justice, Rutherfordton; D. O. McCullers, Clayton; E. H. Farris, Raleigh; J. W. Lynch, Leaksville; Claude Kitchen, Scotland Neck; G. I. Watkins, Oak Hill; W. C. Dowd, Charlotte, and D. A. Davis, Booneville.

The committee, Dr. Jno. Mitchell, Mr. H. R. Scott and Rev. R. H. Marsh awarded the medal to Mr. Davis. Tuesday the Board of Trustees met in harmonious session with a large attendance.

ALUMNI ADDRESS.

Tuesday evening H. R. Scott, Esq., of Greenville delivered the Alumni address before a large audience. His subject was "What the College may reasonably expect from the Alumni." He held that the great benefit bestowed by the college upon her alumni necessitated great obligation on their part. He spoke loyally of his devotion to his alma mater. The address was carefully and well prepared. Mr. Scott has already served in the State Senate and is a rising lawyer. Rev. C. Durham, as President of the Alumni Association presided at the Alumni Banquet. Rev. R. S. Vann made the address of welcome in the most felicitous manner. After the repast the following toasts were responded to: "National Aid to State Education," C. M. Cook and W. C. Durham; "Educational Prospects of North Carolina," J. C. Scarborough; "Our Colleges in the New South," W. N. Jones and W. E. Daniel; "The Alumni from 1835 to 1860," John Mitchell; "Banqueting," J. B. Powers; "Work of our Alumni," C. Durham, J. D. Hufham; "The Wake Forest Student," C. E. Taylor and W. L. Potent. It was a most enjoyable occasion.

ADDRESS BEFORE THE SOCIETIES.

Dr. Wm. E. Hatcher, of Richmond Va., delivered this address Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock to a very large audience. His subject was "The Power of Right of Belief." It would take too much space to give a bare synopsis of this superb oration. It was so delicately yet so firmly knit together that to give any without the rest would be to mar the whole. The vast throng listened in rapt attention and when he was through all felt that they had been under the hand of a master. It was not stale truisms, but bright, stimulating truths. After Dr. Hatcher's speech, the medals were presented to the successful competitors. The Latin Medal to J. B. Carlyle, Robinson Co. The Greek Medal to W. J. Mathews, Gates Co. The French Medal to J. L. White, Winston. The Declaration Medal to D. A. Davis, Booneville. A German dictionary was presented to C. E. Brewer, Wake Forest, for best examination in German. The Wake Forest Student Medal to J. W. Watson, Wake Forest. Euzeian Medal for improvement in Oratory, and J. J. Farris, Raleigh. Euzeian Medal for best Essay, to R. H. Whitehead, Salisbury. Philomathesian Medal for improvement in Oratory to R. B. Lineberry, Chatam county. Philomathesian Essayist Medal to Jacob Stewart, Mocksville.

BACCALAUREATE SERMON.

Wednesday evening, Rev. George D. Boardman, D. D., Philadelphia, preached the sermon to the graduating class. His text was 1 Cor. 3rd Chapter and verses 10 to 15 inclusive. His sermon was clear and racy and compact. Dr. Boardman is an author of celebrity. He is a son of the second Mrs. Judson, wife of Adoniram Judson, the great missionary.

COMMENCEMENT DAY.

They kept coming till this morning, Thursday, at 11 o'clock, the spacious Wingate Memorial Hall was packed to its utmost capacity. The air was bracing. The young ladies, as usual graced the occasion with their presence and no doubt gave an inspiration to the graduates.

President Taylor opened the exercises and Dr. Boardman led in prayer. The sweet notes of Kesnick's Band floated o'er the audience. The speakers of the class were seven:

Salutatory Address, C. E. Brewer, Wake Forest, N. C. The speaker was graceful and happy in his words of welcome.

Oration—A Rising Cloud, Jacob Stewart, Mocksville, N. C. He gave

warning note against the dangers of Immigration. It was a well-written speech.

Oration—Spots on the Sun—J. B. Bonshall, Belcross, N. C. He took a hopeful view of the future of the Republic. He was clear and had good attention.

Oration—No Surplus Men—T. C. Britton, Woodland, N. C. True men always have a place. It was a forcible speech.

Oration—The Politician—J. W. Watson, Rive's Chapel, N. C. He condemned the false and commended the true politician in a felicitous style.

Oration—The Old and the New—E. H. McCullers, Clayton, N. C. He drew a comparison between the two, commending the new.

Valedictory address, J. L. White, Winston. He had excellent attention and acquitted himself admirably.

The following members of the class were allowed to present theses:—B. D. Barker, New Hill, H. A. Chappell, Forestville, E. P. Ellington, Hadley Mill, J. W. Taylor, Winton, O. F. Thompson, Lincolnton, J. E. Vann, R. H. Whitehead, Salisbury. Fourteen composed the class. They obtained diplomas as follows:

Bachelor of Letters, E. P. Ellington, Jacob Stewart. Bachelor of Art, B. D. Barker, J. D. Brushall, J. W. Taylor, O. F. Thompson, J. E. Vann, R. H. Whitehead, Master of Arts, C. E. Brewer, T. C. Britton, H. A. Chappell, E. H. McCullers, J. W. Watson, J. L. White.

Pres. Taylor in a few touching words made the Baccalaureate address and presented the diplomas. Gov. Scales being called on congratulated all on the prosperity of Wake Forest and said it was the pride of North Carolina.

Chief Justice Smith also responded in a pleasing speech. So did Dr. Boardman, who expressed himself, as did the Gov. Scales, and Chief Justice Smith is highly pleased with the exercises of the day and with the work of the college as shown by the closing exercises. Hon. C. M. Cook, Louisville, President of the Board of Trustees, made some statements on the condition and outlook of the college. A most prosperous session had just closed, 180 students had matriculated. The campus had been greatly improved. Several hundred pieces of shrubbery had been set out and still other improvements had been made.

The Board of Trustees decided to elect two new Professors, Dr. Simmons has been filling two chairs, those of Physical Science and Chemistry. To relieve him a Professor of Chemistry will be elected this summer and an effort will be made to raise \$3,000 to improve the Chemical Laboratory. Since Dr. Taylor's election to the Presidency, a Professor of Latin is needed, which will also be done.

The endowment is now \$105,000. There is also a fund of \$10,000, the interest of which will go to help indigent young men to come to Wake Forest. There is an air of progress about Wake Forest College to-day, which is contagious.

The degree of D. D. was conferred upon Rev. R. H. Marsh, Oxford, and Rev. H. M. Tupper, Raleigh. L. L. D. was conferred upon Prof. Murphy, of Arkansas.

A committee was appointed, looking to a closer connection between the college and the academies of the State.

Thus closed a most delightful commencement. The future is bright for Wake Forest College.

A. T. ROBERTSON.

The Boss Cotton Planter.

From the Baltimore Sun.

Since the death of Col. Edward Richardson, of Mississippi, Mr. C. M. Neil of Pine Bluff, Ark., is perhaps the largest cotton planter in the South. He was born in Alabama and is only thirty-eight years of age. In 1860 he went to Arkansas penniless, and went to work on a farm. He is now President of the First National Bank of Pine Bluff and has 12,000 acres of cotton in cultivation. He owns three large stores and a railroad twenty-six miles in length, all of which runs through one of his plantations. He is now building another road forty-two miles in length through his plantations. Mr. Neil's wealth is estimated at \$3,000,000. Recently he advanced to one person \$96,000. The moment he heard of the Hot Springs fire he forwarded 305 barrels of flour, 200 barrels of cornmeal, 20,000 pounds of beef, besides clothing, &c., for the benefit of the sufferers.

Deserves Support.

From Greensboro Daily Star.

THE WEEKLY SENTINEL comes to us this week changed from an eight column folio to a six column quarto, making an addition of about twelve columns to its reading matter. It is one of the ablest papers in the west, and deserves all the support it receives.